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Some State Happenings

Florida Items Gathered from Our Exchanges.

A census of the children of school age now being taken in every county in the State.

Gainesville is enjoying a live building boom. Over sixty new houses have been erected there during the past six months.

Marianna recently voted itself a school sub-district by a vote of ten to one. It will build a \$20,000 high school building.

Charlie Williams, a Jacksonville negro, was drowned in the St. Johns river last week while attempting to escape officers. Williams had shot and killed another negro.

The west side of Broadway, in Kissimmee, composed of wooden buildings, was destroyed by fire early Thursday morning of last week, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Chas. McDonald, a white carpenter, who has been working at New Smyrna all winter, is in DeLand jail for robbery at the former place. He skipped out but was overtaken, and some of the jewelry stolen found on him.

Some of the Jacksonville policemen are kept busy making charges against people who neglect to keep their premises clean, thus endangering other people's health as well as their own. Such offenders should be given 60 days on the scavenger cart.

Mr. J. F. Rhoades, who two years ago moved from Spokane, Wash., to Kissimmee, claims that his little boy has been cured of chronic eczema by continually playing in water from the artesian wells around Kissimmee. Try it on pellagra and start a resort.

Miss Alice Maude Owen, a typewriter expert at Tampa, made some remarkable records at a public demonstration in that city. Without making an error she wrote 204 words of familiar matter in a minute, while from dictation she wrote 120 words in fifty-nine seconds.

The Lakeland city council has placed an order for a fire wagon complete with ladders, chemical fire extinguishers and all apparatus for fighting fires and 1,000 feet of hose. A good horse, drop harness, etc., has been arranged for, and a man will be kept at the fire station night and day.

The St. Petersburg Produce Association went on record at their April meeting as being strongly in favor of the Parcels Post Bill, now before Congress. They will have petitions circulated which will say that the signers will not vote for a congressman or senator who is not in favor of this bill.

Fire in Kissimmee last Thursday morning totally destroyed the wooden business block from Rotunda's corner to and including Water Bros. meat market. The whole business center of the town was threatened but by blowing up the market with dynamite the fire was confined to the one block. Its origin is unknown.

Train No. 3, reaching Pensacola at night from River Junction, its 200 mile run caused two deaths and one injury Tuesday, each accident occurring at a different point. At Ponce de Leon a negro woman attempted to save her hat and fell from the platform as the train was passing over a trestle. She was instantly killed. At Caryville a man leaned far out of a window as the train was passing by a lot of wood stacked near the track and almost had his head taken off. At Bonifay, where a stop was made a passenger attempted to leave the train and was so badly injured he is expected to die.

An ordinance has been introduced in the Pensacola city council to prohibit poultry from running at large.

Jackson county is out of debt. This does not include the bonded indebtedness for the building of the present court house.

James Van Fleet, of Bartow, has been appointed to a cadetship at West Point, through the recommendation of Congressman Sparkman.

Mr. Dan Prescott, an old resident of Volusia county, gathered 3,200 bushels of sweet potatoes from a patch of eight acres in March and is now harvesting a fine crop of beets.

Mr. Wayne Thomas, for years a valued employee of the Bartow Courier-Informant office, has purchased the entire holdings of the Plant City Publishing Company and has assumed control of the Plant City Courier.

Fully 350 baseball enthusiasts witnessed the game between the Orlando team and the Western Bloomer Girls. The girls played a very good game for girls, being assisted by three men, but the home team won by 16 to 1.

Miss Alice Blanche Lancaster, 19 years old, of Kissimmee, and Mr. I. B. Lawrence, of Richburg, N. Y., was arrested in Jacksonville Monday morning while eloping and held for the arrival of the girl's father, who is a Kissimmee merchant.

Herbert S. Smith, a young man of Patoka, was found guilty in the circuit court of selling liquor in a dry county, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs and serve nine months in the county jail at hard labor. That ought to stop him for a while at least.

For months past the question of abolishing the convict lease in Hillsborough county and putting the convicts to work on the county roads has been agitated by citizens of various classes and from present indications the matter will be put to a vote at no distant date.

The Carnegie Institute yacht, Phyllis, Captain Lundblum, has been fitted up and made ready for the annual cruise and station at Dry Tortugas, where the institute maintains a branch for scientific research. Prof. Mayer and a party of scientists left Miami on the yacht last week.

Ellentown, in Manatee county, has organized a law and order society under the name of the Ellentown Protective Association, for the purpose of supporting the officers of the law in the regulation or suppression of "lobbies," the "bootleggers" and other violations of the law by the whites and negroes.

Because they knew that the goods would never be missed by their employees, eight negroes employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway on the Citrus Fruit Exchange dock at Jacksonville, had been systematically robbing shipping cases which were to be transferred to the steamship companies for shipment for many years until they were rounded up by detectives last Friday and landed in jail.

A new Buick touring car owned by W. P. Edwards of Ocala was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon and the barn which was only recently rebuilt after being destroyed by fire several weeks ago was slightly damaged. The machine had been washed with gasoline during the morning and when Mr. Edwards started the engine the flames immediately enveloped the car. An alarm of fire was sent in and the department quickly responded and saved the barn and adjoining property, but the car was a complete wreck.

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That female stenographer who clandestinely stole the so-called letter from the office of Chairman Price ought to be clandestinely taken out to the rear of the office, clandestinely laid across a barrel and clandestinely spanked with a good stove clandestinely taken from the barrel for that purpose.—Sanford Herald. Why thus expose another fraud?

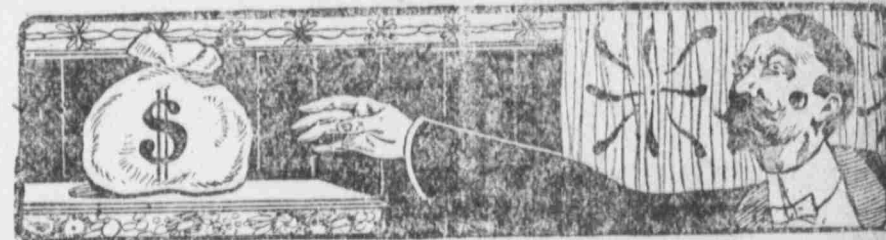
The Ocala Baseball Association is getting up money with which to defray the expenses of the team till some gate receipts can be collected. Four gentlemen have each given a hundred dollars and many more \$50, \$25 and \$10. It is the intention of the association to get up a salaried semi-professional team; and the money spent in this way will be a fine investment for the city.

An "Old Attorney," in the Jacksonville Metropolis, favors an amendment to the State constitution allowing all judges the right to limit the time of arguments in cases on motions, defenses, etc., and says it would work an immense saving to the taxpayers. Let the custom that some State's attorneys have of telling funny stories to the grand juries, also be included for the same good reason.

A handsome hunting dog wearing a collar on which was engraved the name and address of a gentleman in Kentucky, strayed into the St. Cloud colony recently and was found wandering around the town. A gentleman took the animal home and through courtesy wrote to the address on the collar, receiving an answer that the animal belonged to him. That he had spent last summer abroad and on his return the dog was missing. He had done everything in his power to find the animal and asked that he be shipped to him in Kentucky at his expense and a suitable reward would be sent to the finder.

The Tallafiero papers have published a column after column of the Senator's record, but have you noticed where he ever introduced or worked for a bill for the common people? Great emphasis is put on the river and harbor appropriations which the Senator has obtained for Florida, but which would benefit the growers of DeSoto county most, a hundred thousand dollar appropriation for Jacksonville harbor or a five per cent reduction in railroad rates? While publishing the Senator's record why not tell us what he has done to curb Joe Lee's career and check the robber railroad and express companies? —Wauchula Advocate.

"Adonk" in the Jacksonville Metropolis says. If young women who are always managing to meet young men in a way they vainly try to make the public believe is accidental, could hear some of the uncomplimentary remarks passed on such unladylike conduct it is to be hoped they would exercise a little more common sense, and call to their aid a little self-respect, and stop a practice which not only lowers them in the eyes of the public generally but of the man in every particular. If a man desires the company of a girl he may go thousands of miles to seek her, but she cheapens herself and loses his respect if she goes a block out of her way to throw herself in his path. No man likes to have the girl he cares for ridiculed, besides, it shows a lack of good breeding and refinement in her silly determination to chase after any man, and especially strangers."



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